

New Year, Same Promises
“God’s Promise of Faithfulness”

January 15, 2023

As We Gather

It’s a new year, but God’s promises are still the same. Today we look at God’s promise of faithfulness. Even when we fail and find ourselves less than faithful, God’s faithfulness is constant. His promise of faithfulness is a source of comfort and hope in every circumstance.

Welcome

+ Gathering +

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name	Blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name	Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise And when the darkness closes in Lord still I will say	You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name	Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name
Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be	

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

“He is Faithful”

If we confess our sins and turn away from them	And find mercy, find mercy
He is faithful, faithful to forgive us	Find mercy, find mercy
He is faithful, and His blood will cleanse us	(go back to the beginning of the song)
He has provided – the perfect sacrifice	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, We find mercy
A new creation – for those who live in Christ	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, We find mercy
By faith in Him we enter in, before the throne of Grace	We come to You, we come to You, we come to You
We trust in what we cannot see, by every word of God	We find mercy
By faith in Him we enter in, before the throne of Grace	We come to You, we come to You, we come to You
	We find mercy, find mercy

Prayer

Children’s Church

+ Service of the Word +

First Reading: Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
² He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the LORD
and put their trust in him.

⁴ Blessed is the one
who trusts in the LORD,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.

⁵ Many, LORD my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—
but my ears you have opened—
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

⁷ Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.

⁸ I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart.”

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD,
as you know.

¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—
their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ!

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

“God’s Promise of Faithfulness”

Offering

Offering:

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Mark Patterson

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God of the ages;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they
fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the live chat

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” LSB 909

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever
And our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call You,
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your lovingkindness,
Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.

3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
All the gifts they ask to gain;
What they gain from You, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Your glory
Evermore with You to reign.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!

Offering

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Memory Verse for This Week

Do not withhold Your mercy from me, LORD;
may Your love and faithfulness always protect me.

Psalm 40:11

Serving in Worship Today

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